

REMARKS

Initially, Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for the detailed Official Action provided. Furthermore, Applicant expresses appreciation for acknowledgment that the drawings are acceptable and for the acknowledgment of Applicant's Claim for Priority and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

Additionally, Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner and Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) Thomas Dicke for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative James Bonnamy during the telephone interview of July 20, 2010. During the telephone interview, the outstanding rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, was discussed. In this regard, the Examiner and SPE suggested claim amendments that would clarify the features of the present application. The Examiner and SPE indicated that, if the claims were amended in accordance with their suggestions, the outstanding § 112, first paragraph, rejection would be overcome and the present application would be in condition for allowance. In order to expedite prosecution of the present application to allowance, the Examiner and SPE requested Applicant to provide the Examiner with a proposed amended claim set prior to filing a response to the outstanding Official Action to ensure that the amended claim set would overcome the outstanding § 112, first paragraph, rejection and that the application would be in condition for allowance. In response to such a request, Applicant provided the Examiner with a proposed amended claim set on July 29, 2010. On August 6, 2010, the Examiner confirmed that the proposed amended claim set would, in fact, overcome the outstanding § 112, first paragraph, rejection and place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicant expresses further appreciation to the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the telephone discussions of August 11, 2010 and August 12, 2010. During the telephone discussions, it was confirmed by the Examiner that amending the claims of the present application to recite "pixel" and "pixels" instead of "unit pixel" and "unit pixels" would not affect the patentability of the claims.

Thus, by the present paper, Applicant submits herewith an amended claim set in which the claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's and SPE's suggestions, as set forth during the above-noted telephone interview, and to eliminate the recitation of "unit." The amended claim set has been reviewed by the Examiner and confirmed, in communications received from the Examiner on August 6, 2010 and August 12, 2010, to be acceptable for overcoming the outstanding § 112, first paragraph, rejection and placing the present application in condition for allowance. Claims 12, 14, 16, 18, and 19 are amended. The herein-contained amendments should not be considered an acquiescence in the propriety of the outstanding rejection. Rather, the claims have been amended solely to advance prosecution of the present application to allowance. Upon entry of the present paper, claims 12, 14, 16, 18, and 19 will be pending in the present application, with claims 12 and 18 being in independent form.

Applicant addresses the pending rejection provided within the outstanding Official Action below and respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal thereof together with an indication of the allowability of claims 12, 14, 16, 18, and 19 (*i.e.*, all pending claims) in the next Official communication. Such action is respectfully requested and is believed to be appropriate for at least the reasons provided below.

35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph, Claim Rejections

In the outstanding Official Action, claims 12, 14, 16, 18, and 19 (*i.e.*, all pending claims) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification at the time the application was filed. Specifically, it was asserted that independent claims 12 and 18 (*i.e.*, all pending independent claims) contain unsupported subject matter, and that dependent claims 14, 16, and 19 inherit the deficiencies of independent claims 12 and 18.

Without acquiescing in the propriety of the rejection and solely to expedite prosecution of the present application to allowance, upon entry of the present paper, independent claims 12 and 18 will have been amended to clarify the features recited therein. Independent claims 12 and 18 will have been amended to generally clarify that each light-transmitting film included in a pixel located in the center of an imaging area corresponds to a light-transmitting film in a same relative position in a pixel located in the periphery of the imaging area, and that each light-transmitting film of the pixel located in the center pixel has a line width different than the line width of the corresponding light-transmitting film in the same relative position in the pixel located in the periphery of the imaging area.

As discussed during the above-mentioned telephone interview of July 20, 2010 and as acknowledged in the outstanding Official Action, such a feature is supported at least by Figures 6C and 6D and claim 13 of the present application as filed (*see, e.g.*, page 3 of the outstanding Official Action which recites, “[t]he application as filed supports a central pixel having many line widths, and a peripheral pixel having many line widths, each line width in the peripheral pixel corresponding [to] a particular line width in the central pixel, and not having the same line width as that corresponding line width).

Accordingly, at least in view of the above and as discussed during the above-mentioned telephone interview, Applicants respectfully submit that the grounds for the outstanding 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, rejection no longer exist. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection is withdrawn and that claims 12, 14, 16, 18, and 19 (*i.e.*, all pending claims) are indicated to be allowable in the next Official communication.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the Examiner's action and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested and are believed to be appropriate.

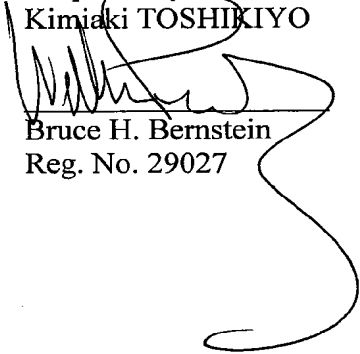
Applicant notes that this amendment is being made to advance prosecution of the application to allowance, and should not be considered as surrendering equivalents of the territory between the claims prior to the present amendment and the amended claims. Further, no acquiescence as to the propriety of the Examiner's rejection is made by the present amendment. All amendments to the claims which have been made in this amendment, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should an extension of time be necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extensions of time required to place the application in condition for allowance by an Examiner's Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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If there should be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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